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1. SUMMARY: REPORTS ON MAY 25 AM GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES OF FRANCE, MEXICO, POLAND AND SOMALIA FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. FRANCE. FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING OPENED WITH DISCUSSION OF FRENCH APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT. AFTER NOTING THAT THE POST-WAR DISARMAMENT BALANCE SHEET "FALLS DRASTICALLY SHORT", GISCARD SAID FRANCE'S APPROACH IS BASED ON THREE IDEAS: 1) EVERY STATE HAS A LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO SECURITY; 2) DISARMAMENT MUST BECOME A CONCERN FOR ALL; 3) DISARMAMENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REGIONAL SITUATIONS.

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3. GISCARD MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS, ALL OF WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SKETCHED BY FRENCH DURING SSOD PREPARATORY MEETINGS. 1) ON DELIBERATIVE INSTITUTIONS, GISCARD STATED ONE COMMITTEE OF UNGA SHOULD FOLLOW DISARMAMENT ON PERMANENT BASIS, WITH ALL STATES PARTICIPATING. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE OTHER SPECIAL SESSIONS IN FUTURE. 2) ON NEGOTIATING BODY, HE SAID

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CCD SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A "BODY HAVING MORE CONCRETE TIES TO THE UN SYSTEM, AN OPEN MEMBERSHIP AND AN ASSURANCE OF EQUAL STANDING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. ONCE THESE PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PRACTICE, FRANCE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ESTABLISH SUCH A BODY AND WOULD THEN PARTICIPATE IN IT." 3) GISCARD CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT STUDIES. 4) ON VERIFICATION, GISCARD PROPOSED "STUDIES ON THE CREATION OF A SATELLITE MONITORING AGENCY." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE "INTERNATIONAL USE OF SATELLITES WILL RAISE COMPLEX QUESTIONS," BUT STATED THAT "THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH AN AGENCY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE TOO OBVIOUS FOR EACH STATE NOT TO DO ITS PART, UNDER TERMS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY DEFINED." 5) GISCARD SAID FRANCE WILL SUBMIT TO THE SSOD A PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL DISARMAMENT FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT. 6) FINALLY, GISCARD PROPOSED ALL CSCE PARTICIPANTS MEET IN CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS CONVENTIONAL ARMS DISARMAMENT. HE ANNOUNCED FRANCE WILL SUBMIT TO ALL CSCE PARTIES ON MAY 26, "A PLAN DETAILING THE GOALS, FIELD OF APPLICATION AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE."

4. GISCARD DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH FRENCH VIEW THAT WORLD IS COMPOSED OF TWO LARGE ZONES, ONE WHERE THERE ARE NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WHERE THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS WOULD BE DESTABILIZING, AND A SECOND (IN EUROPE, UNCLASSIFIED

NORTH ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA) WHERE NUCLEAR ARMS "ARE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE BALANCE OF POWER." GISCARD ASSERTED THAT "NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES SHOULD IN PARTICULAR PRECLUDE, ACCORDING TO A FORMULA TO BE DEFINED, THE USE AND THREAT OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST STATES THAT ARE PART OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE." HE ANNOUNCED FRANCE "HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SIGN" PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO (WHICH HAS AS ITS OBJECT TO MAKE LATIN AMERICA A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE). GISCARD ALSO STATED THAT IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THE REGIONS WHERE THEY ARE NOT NOW PRESENT; "IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO BLOCK THE THREAT OF A CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE." HE OPINED THAT "A COMBINED MEETING OF COUNTRIES OF THE SAME REGION THAT IMPORT MILITARY EQUIPMENT WITH ALL THE SUPPLIER COUNTRIES WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE THE MOST REALISTIC WAY TO ACHIEVE A JOINT LIMITATION ON SALES."

5. MEXICO. MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA ROBLES EMPHASIZED THE RECORD OF PAST UN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE DISARMAMENT AND UNDERSCORED THE POTENTIAL FUTURE ROLE FOR THE UN TOWARD THE SAME GOAL. HE CONTRASTED THE UN'S POSITIVE

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RECORD WITH THE DISARMAMENT EFFORTS OF THE NUCLEAR POWERS,
REFERRING TO THE LATTER AS "FUTILE." HIS STATEMENT ON
THE WHOLE DEALT EVEN-HANDEDLY WITH THE US AND USSR,
CRITICIZING BOTH EQUALLY. GARCIA ROBLES GAVE MEXICO'S
SUPPORT FOR FUTURE UNGA SESSIONS ON DISARMAMENT AS A
FORUM FOR DEBATE BY ALL UN MEMBERS AND TO PRODUCE A NEW
DISARMAMENT STRATEGY AND GIVE IT MOMENTUM. MEXICO AGREES
WITH THE SSOD PREPCOM THAT THE MAIN GOALS ARE TO SAFEGUARD
MANKIND AND END USE OF WAR OR FORCE AS A MEANS TO
SOLVE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. HE PLACED TOP PRIORITY ON
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE CALLED FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL
DOCUMENT OF FIVE INDISPENSIBLE PRINCIPLES: (A) ALL UN

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MEMBERS ACT IN ACCORD WITH THE UN CHARTER; (B) ALL NATIONS
HAVE A VITAL INTEREST IN THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS; (C)
EACH STATE MUST INFORM THE UN IN WRITING OF THE STEPS IT
IS TAKING TOWARD DISARMAMENT, UNILATERAL, BILATERAL,
REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL; (D) NUCLEAR STATES MUST
FAITHFULLY OBSERVE INTEGRITY OF ZONES FREE OF NUCLEAR ARMS
AS DEFINED BY THE UNGA; AND (E) THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT
OF FUNDS FREED BY DISARMAMENT MUST BE
DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE
DEVELOPING WORLD. THE PROGRAM OF ACTION SHOULD BE DIVIDED
IN TWO PARTS: CONCRETE DISARMAMENT MEASURES (SPECIFIC
AND ADDRESSED TO THE SHORT RUN), AND DEFINITION OF THOSE

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METHODS MOST APPROPRIATE TO NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE DISARMAMENT PROGRAM. THE FORMER SHOULD CORRESPOND WITH THE NEXT THREE NORMAL PERIODS OF GA SESSIONS. THE LATTER SHOULD ENCOMPASS THE CCD. HE NOTED THAT THE CCD WAS NOT ORGANIZATIONALLY SUITED FOR PARTICIPATION BY NON-NUCLEAR STATES, AND URGED CHANGES BE
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MADE: ALL UN MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE A RIGHT TO MAKE PROPOSALS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES; THE PRESIDENCY SHOULD ROTATE MONTHLY AMONG THE NON-NUCLEAR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

HE ADDED MEXICO'S ADVOCACY FOR A COMPLETE NUCLEAR TEST BAN; SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS AND A LIMIT ON THEIR QUALITY; ELIMINATION OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING NAPALM; FINDING PRACTICAL STEPS TO DISTRIBUTE DEVELOPING STATES THE FUNDS THAT SUCCESSFUL DISARMAMENT WILL RELEASE. HE SUPPORTED THE INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT FUND FRANCE HAD PROPOSED AND ADDED THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE AN INTERIM ACCOUNT SET UP UNDER THE UN. GARCIA ROBLES ALSO WELCOMED THE USSR DECISION TO ACCEDE TO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

6. POLAND. POLISH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER WOJTASZEK CENTERED HIS REMARKS ON THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM THE THREAT OF WAR AND POLAND'S RECORD BOTH AS A VICTIM OF WAR AND AN ADVOCATE OF PEACE. POLAND WILL SUPPORT DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS; WOJTASZK ESPECIALLY NOTED THE PROPOSALS OF THE USSR AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES. HE SUPPORTED THE NON-ALIGNED STATES' CALL FOR A REALISTIC PROGRAM OF ACTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR, TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE BAN OF NUCLEAR ARMS AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. WOJTASEZK CRITICIZED THE PRESENT AND PAST LACK OF SUPPORT FOR AND UNDERSSTANDING OF DETENTE BY "CERTAIN EXTREMISTS" WITHIN WESTERN NATIONS. CSCE AND THE FINAL ACT HAVE OPENED THE DOOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE AND THE BUILDING OF A LASTING EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM. THE US-SOVIET DIALOG, ESPECIALLY
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SALT II, IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE SAFETY OF BOTH EUROPE AND THE WORLD.

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7. THE POLES ARE DISTURBED BY THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES IN SOME STATES; THOSE STATES APPEAR TO BE ENTERING A NEW CYCLE OF THE ARMS RACE GOVERNED BY THE DOCTRINE OF DETERRENCE: ONLY A HIGHER LEVEL OF ARMS CAN GUARANTEE SEC SECURITY. WOJTASZEK DUBBED THIS LINE OF THOUGHT "DANGEROUS." HE CALLED FOR THE UN TO RESOLVE AND THE US TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS, AND FOR THE US AND NATO STATES TO FORESWEAR ITS USE. HE ADVOCATED MORE EFFORTS BE MADE TO BRING ABOUT UNIVERSAL NONPROLIFERATION AND TO IMPROVE IAEA SAFE-GUARDS. HE EXPRESSED POLAND'S OPPOSITION TO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS. WOJTASZEK SUPPORTED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT FUNDS FREED BY DISAR-MANENT BE LARGELY DEVOTED TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT.

8. THE SESSION DOCUMENT, HE CONTINUED, SHOULD BE REALISTIC AND ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE. HE NOTED THAT THE SWIFT ACCELERATION OF DISARMAMENT TALKS SHOULD RESULT FROM THE SESSION. WOJTASZEK SUPPORTED USE OF CONSEN-SUS FOR THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT AND ADVOCATED CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WITH UNIVERSAL PARTICI-PATION. POLAND ALSO SUPPORTS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR THE RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OF FORCE.

9. SOMALIA. SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER BARRE KEPT WITHIN WHAT WE EXPECT WILL BE THE BOUNDS OF THE AFRICAN VIEW ON DISARMAMENT. HE CALLED FOR A CONSENSUS ON A BOLD PRO-GRAM OF ACTION AND SUPPORTED THE NON-ALIGNED POSITION THAT THE UN SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF DISARMAMENT EFFORTS.

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BARRE ADVOCATED FREEZING THE BUDGET FOR WEAPONS PRODUC-
TION OF NUCLEAR STATES AND THAT ALL NUCLEAR STOCKPILES
BE DESTROYED. HE CALLED FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN TO BE
TREATED AS A ZONE OF PEACE FREE FROM THE COMPETITION
OF THE GREAT POWERS. IN DEMANDING THAT AFRICA ALSO BE
NUCLEAR-FREE, BARRE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE OBVIOUS
ACQUISITION BY SOUTH AFRICA OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HE
DESCRIBED WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, MENTIONING THE
ANTI-PERSONAL CLUSTER BOMB, USED "BY RACIST, COLONIALIST
REGIMES TO SUPPRESS" PEOPLE IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.
HE HOPED THE SSOD COULD ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE 1979 CON-
FERENCE ON INHUMAN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. BARRE ALSO
ADVOCATED EVENTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES TO LEVELS
THAT CONFORM ONLY TO THE SECURITY NEEDS OF STATES, AND
THE PROHIBITION OF BASES ON FOREIGN SOIL AND STATION-
ING OF TROOPS IN FOREIGN LANDS. BARRE ALSO CRITICIZED
THE PRESENCE OF A "SIZEABLE FORCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS" IN
AFRICAN STATES CARRYING OUT "THE STRATEGIC DESIGNS AND
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